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FM AMCONSUL NAHA

TO SECSTATE WASH DC 1605

INFO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

AMEMBASSY SEOUL

CINCPAC HONOLULU

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E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJ: MEDEVAC OF KOREAN SEAMEN

1. KOREAN CONSUL NAHA HAS OFFICIALLY REQUESTED ASSISTANCE OF CONGEN IN ARRANGING US AIR FORCE MEDEVAC FROM OKINAWA TO SEOUL THREE KOREAN MERCHANT SEAMEN.
2. SEAMEN RESCUED AT SEA BY USAF AND PRESENTLY HOSPITALIZED US ARMY HOSPITAL OKINAWA. THEY ARE LITTER PATIENTS SUFFERING 2ND, 3RD DEGREE BURNS AND WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY US MILITARY PHYSICIAN.
3. US MILITARY AUTHORITIES OKINAWA INFORM US THAT USAF

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MEDEVAC MUST BE APPROVED BY HQ USAF/LGTLA, WASHDC UPON REQUEST OF FOREIGN GOVT THROUGH STATE DEPT AFTER DEPT'S DETERMINATION THAT SERVICE IS IN NATIONAL INTEREST. US MILITARY ALSO INFORMS US THEY HAVE AGREEMENT FROM SEAMEN'S EMPLOYER; CHENRI SHIPPING CO., LTD, PUSAN KOREA, TO REIMBURSE USAF FOR EXPENSE OF MEDEVAC.

4. IF EMBASSYS TOKYO, SEOUL, SEE NO OBJECTION, CONGEN NAHA WOULD RECOMMEND DEPT'S APPROVAL OF MEDEVAC AS BEING IN NATIONAL INTEREST. USAF RESCUE AND US ARMY HOSPITALIZATION HAS RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE FAVORABLE PUBLICITY AND AT THIS POINT WE SHOULD FOLLOW THROUGH ON MEDEVAC.

5. IF DEPT CONCURS, HQ USAF/LGTLA WASHDC SHOULD BE INFORMED OF RECOMMENDATION. THEY WILL IN TURN PASS APPROVAL TO USAF OKINAWA THROUGH CINCPAC HONOLULU.

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